



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joan of Arc Parish is a growing community of Roman Catholic Christians in the Chagrin Falls area. We are a diverse, gifted, and joyful people who share a common belief in the Word of Jesus Christ. Our Mission, like that of Jesus Christ and His apostles, is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through living the gospel.

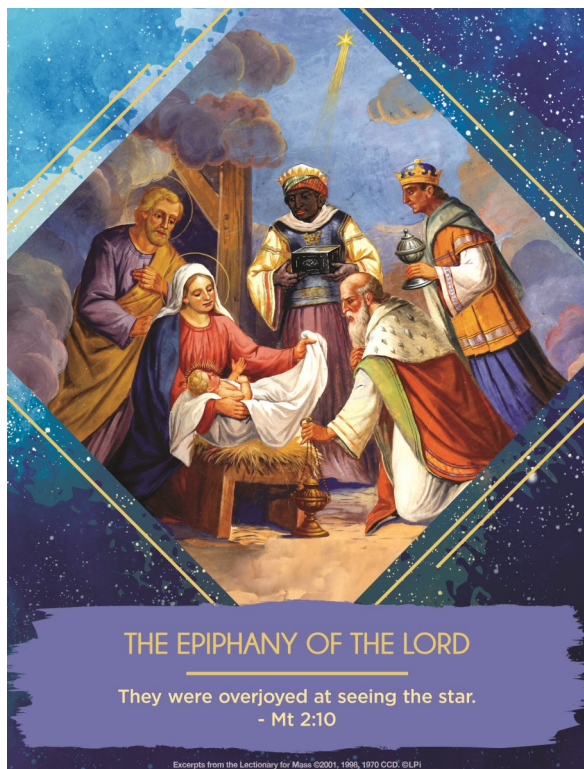
WE GATHER AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY TO:

Celebrate our faith and the presence of God in the Eucharist and in one another.

Imitate our Savior in His service to others.

Teach our beliefs at all levels.

Welcome the participation of all in our Christian fellowship.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass:

Saturdays 4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekday Mass:

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00am
Tuesdays 9:00am September-May, 8:00am June-August
Holy Day Masses and Civic Holidays subject to change—see bulletin and/or website.

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at noon. Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 3:30pm until all are heard. Advent and Lent Saturdays 3:15pm -4:00pm.

For other Sacramental Information, please see PAGE 3.

New parishioners welcome! Please contact the Parish Office to register.

From the Pastor

Greetings of Christmas Peace. *This column is being written in mid-December because of “the holidays” and adjusted deadlines from our parish office and our “bulletin company”.*

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany. The Magi followed the star and found our Lord! They offered gifts and did him homage. We can do the same. Seek the Lord. Discover his love. Give him the gift of your life. Worship him – the one who truly deserves our praise!

On the Feast of Epiphany, it is customary for people to bless their homes. For those wishing to bless their homes this Epiphany prayer can be used. *If you wish to mark your doorpost, a piece of chalk is needed.*

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:

Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All respond: *Now and forever.*

The Leader introduces the blessing:

During these days of the Christmas season,

we keep this feast of the Epiphany

celebrating the manifestation of Christ

to the Magi, to John in the River of Jordan, and to the disciples

at the wedding of Cana. Today Christ is manifested to us!

Today this home is a holy place!

The Scripture is read by a family member:



From the Holy Gospel according to John: (John 1/1-2, 14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

All things came to be through him

and without him nothing came to be.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,

and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,

full of grace and truth. The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Leader continues:

Let us pray:

Lord God of heaven and earth,

you revealed Your only begotten Son

to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others

may reflect your love. Through Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

The Leader or a family member marks the doorway of the house with chalk

with the year and the initials of the names attributed to the three Magi,

Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar:

20 + C + M + B + 25 (indicating the current year)

They presented him with gifts of Gold, and Frankincense, and Myrrh. Mt. 2/11

I will be on vacation this week ("Gone Fishin'," as they say) and will return Saturday night January 11, 2025. And since I am away this week there will not be "daily mass" at SJA. The neighboring priests will respond, as they are able, to any funerals or emergencies that may come up while I am away. Thank you Fathers! Our parish ministerial staff will also strive to be of help and service. They are good!

Noel, Happy New Year, and Blessings & Peace,

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

**9:00am Eddie Giordano
(Zeleznik)**

**11:00am Frank Stanovich
(O'Neil)**

Monday, January 6

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, January 7

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am No Mass

Thursday, January 9

8:00am No Mass

Friday, January 10

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, January 11

4:30pm Jim Clark (Gustavson)

Sunday, January 12

9:00am Jim Clark (Distaulo)

**11:00am Karl Sutherland
(Gleason)**

OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest or deacon at least one year before the anticipated date.

Care of the Sick and Elderly: Please inform us of those who are sick, aged, unable to come to church, homebound, hospitalized, or may need the Sacrament of Anointing.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office before scheduling or publishing (generally through a funeral director).

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

May be obtained by registered, practicing members of our parish who have received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (and, if married, were married in the Church). Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

SESSIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Thursdays at 6:30pm, September - May. Contact Deacon Jeff at 440-376-9177

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at St. Joan of Arc: Will be the Thursday before the First Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Baptism Class

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church newly Baptized, along with welcoming their family and sponsors to share in the beginning of their child's journey of faith. Classes are offered both in person and online Zoom. To sign up or get further information on the classes or with questions on Baptism at SJA , call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email at dianag@stjoanofarc.org

DAILY ROSARY—ST. JOAN OF ARC AVILAS



Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekdays following the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The St. Joan of Arc AVILAS, an organization of men and women, joined together under the patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations, meet on the Second Friday of each month. Member's attend the 8:00am Mass, followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For more information , contact Matthew " Mickey" O'Hearn at 440-338-5914 or mohearniii@gmail.com

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!



When: Saturday, January 25th

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: St. Joan of Arc School

498 E. Washington Street

Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Our middle school students have been working on their projects since October, seeking approval, gathering data, and testing their theories.

Volunteer judges are now needed.

Breakfast provided!

<https://form.jotform.com/SJAADMIN/science-fair-2025-judges-form>

Interested? Details? Contact:

Mr. Joseph Nieves

jnieves@stjoanofarc.org



"Thank You" for the "Doors of Hope" donations.

The Women's Guild put on a wonderful evening to celebrate the Christmas season with friends.

The room was filled with the beautiful spirit of community. It was a time to reflect on those less fortunate and to bring joy to the families at "Doors of Hope", a home for homeless families.

Thank you for your donations. When they were delivered, their gratitude was overwhelming. One of the families had never had a Christmas tree. You are the light shining in their lives!

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Calendars for 2025

2025 Parish Calendars are available in the church Gathering Area and the parish office. We say "Thank You" to the St. John Funeral Home in Bainbridge and Bedford for providing our annual calendars.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soup, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc. when you come to Mass. Thank You for your support!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION S 12/21-12/22

Collection: \$ 17,356.00

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE
12/2-12/6 \$ 8152.00**

12/9-12/13 \$ 4514.00

12/16-12/20 \$ 3617.00

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot
Thursday, January 9, 2025 from 10:00-
11:00am**

- Butter-Eggs-**
- Flour-Green Beans-**
- White Rice-Chicken-**



**Thank you so much for helping
us stock the pantry shelves. Please call Jane
Zilly with any questions 216 -402-8912**



HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

**Do you know of someone in the parish
who is homebound and would like to
receive the Eucharist? The Home
Visitation Ministry teams bring the
Eucharist to the sick and the
homebound on a regular basis. These
visits afford the opportunity for prayer
and social visitation.**

**Please contact Jan Nally at 440-840-
5087 or the parish office to arrange for
our teams to visit.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the **Second Sunday Vespers** Team

Mark your calendars for January 12, 2025, 6:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you as our program continues to grow. We are encouraging all to invite (or better yet, bring a friend and/or neighbor) to enjoy praying in community with the Prayer of the Church Worldwide and hearing a speaker on current topics in our lives.

With many Blessings in this New Year.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

JANUARY PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays, January 6, 13, 27

Grades 7,8: Sundays, January 5, 12

High School: Sundays, January 5, 12, 19



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation Session #6 will be January 9 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't forget to bring your binders and turn in service hours forms! Also, saint posters are due at this session.



ARTIFICIAL TREES

We need your old artificial tree! If anyone is discarding an artificial Christmas tree this year, we would be happy to take it off your hands and use it as a decoration for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp. The theme is "True North" and we will be decorating with an Alaska/Pacific Northwest theme. Please call or email the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3603 or mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org.



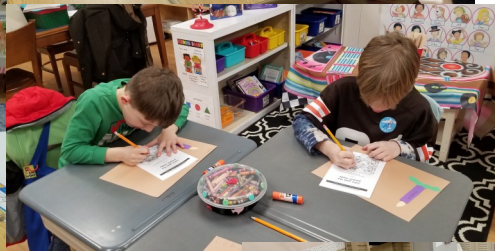
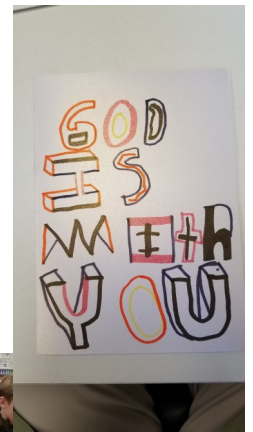
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word for children is held during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday for those children in grades K-3. If you would like to volunteer to help with this important ministry, please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606. Or email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org



What's Happening at SJA PSR.....

Our last PSR classes before Christmas break were a wonderland of faith, love, and joy in every classroom! Activities ranged from learning more about Jesus's birth to making Christmas cards for those attending our **Blue Christmas Mass**. Thank you catechists and aides for all you do teaching our faith to our parish children.



UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

The Bible Timeline™



A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS

Dates – Times – Location

Wednesdays January 15 - May 14
8:30 - 10:00 AM
Church Hall

We will study the O.T. now and the
N.T. in the fall

Cost – Registration

RSVP to mpvalencic@gmail.com by
January 7th or sooner
cost \$20 for workbook

For More Information
ascensionpress.com

In *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end.

Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.

“I never would have read the Bible if it wasn't for this, and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty.”

—Kyle D.

